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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PINT, GW, GE, US
SUBJECT: FRG REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON GDR PRESENCE
IN AFRICA.

1. FOLLOWING A CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (SEPTTEL),
STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL TOLD ME THAT AMBASSADOR VON
STADEN WOULD BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND,
PROBABLY ON SUNDAY. HE WOULD BE CARRYING WITH HIM INSTRUC-
TIONS TO SEEK US ASSISTANCE IN CLARIFYING EAST GERMAN AC-
TIVITIES IN AFRICA.

2. VAN WELL NOTED THAT THE EAST GERMAN ROLE IN AFRICA
HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF RECENT PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS
IN THE BUNDESTAG. (MINISTER GENSCHER ANSWERED SEVERAL
OF THESE QUESTIONS HIMSELF DURING YESTERDAY'S SESSION.)
ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SOME INFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN
EXCHANGED THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS, VAN WELL SAID
HE HOPED THAT THE US MIGHT BE WILLING AND ABLE TO SUPPLY
ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO THE FRG.
THIS INFORMATION WOULD REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND BE USED
FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES AND FOR NECESSARY CLASSIFIED BRIEF-
INGS OF RESPONSIBLE BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES.
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3. VAN WELL CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT VON STADEN WILL
APPROACH WASHINGTON DIRECTLY ON THE MATTER, BUT THAT HE
HOPED I COULD SUPPORT THE FRG REQUEST. I RESPONDED THAT
THE REQUEST SEEMED TO BE A REASONABLE ONE AND THAT I
WAS SURE WE WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE WHATEVER INFORMATION
WE COULD.

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